Sri K. HANUMANTHAIYA.—I may straightaway say that the Hon'ble Member is misinformed.

Sri M. V. RAMA RAO.—Sir, is it not a fact that purchase of petrol for Government lorries in several districts which was used to be done from Sri Venkataswamy, one of the contractors, has been stopped since ?

Sri K. HANUMANTHAIYA. - That is also a separate question which does not arise.

Sri M. V. RAMA RAO.—Does the Chair agree that this supplementary does not arise out of this question ?

Mr. SPEAKER.—I feel so.

Sri M. V. RAMA RAO.—May I know whether the Government have passed orders displacing Sri K. Venkataswamy who has been the Vice-President of Lakshmipuram Sanitary Board and replacing him by the Amildar of that place ?

Sri K. HANUMANTHAIYA.—Yes.

Sri M. V. RAMA RAO.—May I know why that was done ?

Sri K. HANUMANTHAIYA.—That is not persecution.

Sri M. V. RAMA RAO.—What is it, then ?

Mr. SPEAKER.—That question also is irrelevant. The Hon'ble Chief Minister need not answer that.

Sri M. V. RAMA RAO.—May I know why the Excise sale at which the highest bid of Sri K. N. Guruswamy was knocked down by the Deputy Commissioner of the District ?

Sri K. HANUMANTHAIYA.—That question also does not arise out of this question.

Sri M. V RAMA RAO. I have fairly exhausted my questions. If the Chief Minister has made up his mind about what answers should be given, I do not propose to spend the time of the House.

Mr. SPEAKER.—The member should have tabled some other question in addition to this.

Representation for reduction of taxes under Prizes and Lotteries Act, made by Messrs. R. M. D. C. (Mysore), Limited, Bangalore.

Q.—270. Sri K. V. BYRE GOWDA (Bangalore North).—

Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(*a*) whether representations have been made for reduction of taxes under Prizes and Lotteries Act ; if so, from whom ;

(*b*) the present rate of tax and whether they have taken any steps to reduce the tax ?

A.—Sri K. HANUMANTHAIYA (Chief Minister).—

(*a*) Yes. One from the Managing Director, Messrs. R. M. D. C. (Mysore), Limited, Bangalore.

(*b*) In respect of entertainment, private and charitable lotteries for which licences have been issued under Sections 5, 6 and 7 of the Act, tax at 12½ per cent of the gross collections is being levied.

In respect of Prize competitions for which licences have been issued under Section 8 of the Act, tax at 25 per cent of the gross collections is fixed.

In the case of Messrs. R.M.D.C., tax to be collected has been fixed by the Government at 15 per cent on the gross income.

Regarding reduction of tax, the rate is fixed with reference to circumstances of each case.

ಶ್ರೀ ಕೆ. ವಿ. ಬೈರೇಗೌಡ.—ಬೆಂಗಳೂರಿನಲ್ಲಿರುವ ಮೆಸರ್ಸ್ R.M.D.C. ಕಂಪೆನಿಯವರಿಗೆ ಹಾಕಬೇಕಾಗಿದ್ದ ತೆರಿಗೆ ಹೊರೆಯನ್ನು 15% ಇಳಿಸಲು ಕಾರಣವೇನು ?

Sri K. HANUMANTHAIYA.—They made a representation that they were not able to pay 25 per cent. Therefore, looking into the case, it was thought that it would be equitable if the tax is fixed at 15 per cent.

ಶ್ರೀ ಕೆ. ವಿ. ಬೈರೇಗೌಡ —Percentage of tax 25 ರಷ್ಟು ಇರಬೇಕೆಂದು ಹೇಳಿರುವುದಕ್ಕೂ, ಇಂಗ್ಲೀಷ್ ಪ್ರಶ್ನೋತ್ತರದಲ್ಲಿ ಕೊನೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ತಿಳಿಸಿರತಕ್ಕ ಉತ್ತರಕ್ಕೂ ವ್ಯತ್ಯಾಸವಾಗುವುದಿಲ್ಲವೇ ?

Sri K. HANUMANTHAIYA.—The decision depends upon the circumstances of each case.

Sri B. N. BORANNA GOWDA.—Have you appointed any one to look into the accounts ?

Sri K. HANUMANTHAIYA.—The Government auditors are looking into the accounts of the concern.

Sri B. N. BORANNA GOWDA.—Are they looking into every one of the accounts ?

Sri K. HANUMANTHAIYA.—I do not know what happened previously. Now, after some complaints have been received, the auditors are appointed and they are scrutinising the accounts.

Sri B. N. BORANNA GOWDA.—Are you aware that Messrs. R. M. D. C. (Mysore) Limited are getting very huge income?

Sri K. HANUMANTHAIYA.—The word 'huge' is rather indefinable. From one man's point of view it may be a big income and from another man's point of view it may not be a big income.

Sri B. N. BORANNA GOWDA.—Are they not getting large sums of money?

Sri K. HANUMANTHAIYA.—I cannot give that information.

ಶ್ರೀ ಎ. ವಿ. ನರಸಿಂಹರೆಡ್ಡಿ.—ಈ ಸಂಸ್ಥೆ ಬೆಂಗಳೂರಿನಲ್ಲಿ ಯಾವಾಗ ಸ್ಥಾಪಿತವಾಯಿತು?

Sri K. HANUMANTHAIYA.—I do not remember the date. Notice.

ಶ್ರೀ ಎ. ವಿ. ನರಸಿಂಹರೆಡ್ಡಿ.—ಈ ಸಂಸ್ಥೆಯನ್ನು ಬೊಂಬಾಯಿ ಸರ್ಕಾರದವರು ಅಲ್ಲಿಂದ ಓಡಿಸಿಬಿಟ್ಟಿದ್ದಾರಲ್ಲವೇ?

Sri K. HANUMANTHAIYA.—I vaguely remember that, due to some such circumstance, the R.M.D C. shifted its operations from Bombay to Bangalore.

ಶ್ರೀ ಎ. ವಿ. ನರಸಿಂಹರೆಡ್ಡಿ.—ಇವರು ಅಲ್ಲಿಂದ ಇಲ್ಲಿಗೆ ಯಾವ ಕಾರಣದಿಂದ ಷಿಫ್ಟ್ ಮಾಡಿದರು? ಇವರು ತಮಗೆ ಬರುವ ವರಮಾನದಲ್ಲಿ ಯಾವ ಪರ್ಸೆಂಟೇಜ್ ಪ್ರಕಾರ ಸರ್ಕಾರಕ್ಕೆ ಕೊಡುತ್ತಿದ್ದಾರೆಂಬುದನ್ನು ತಿಳಿಸಲಾಗುತ್ತದೆಯೇ?

Sri K. HANUMANTHAIYA.—That is what I said; the Auditors are examining. We will be able to gather definite information in the course of one or two months.

Sri M. V. RAMA RAO.—Are the Government aware of the name of the Managing Director of this Company?

Sri K. HANUMANTHAIYA.—We do not get by heart the names of the Managing Directors.

Sri M. V. RAMA RAO.—I want to know whether by accident, you will be in a position to remember the name of the Managing Director.

Sri K. HANUMANTHAIYA.—I do not take the trouble.

Sri M. V. RAMA RAO.—May I know whether it is the same person against whom contempt proceedings have been instituted by the other House?

Sri K. HANUMANTHAIYA.—It may be within the knowledge of the Member himself.

Sri M. V. RAMA RAO.—If the Chief Minister has the knowledge of it, he may say so.

(No answer.)

Sri M. PALANIYAPPAN.—May I know the total amount of tax that the Company has paid?

Sri K. HANUMANTHAIYA.—During 1952-53 they have paid Rs. 4,30,203-11-0.

Sri M. PALANIYAPPAN.—For how many months?

Sri K. HANUMANTHAIYA.—For the year 52-53.

Sri M. PALANIYAPPAN.—Is it at the rate of 15 per cent?

Sri K. HANUMANTHAIYA.—Yes.

ಶ್ರೀ ಕೆ. ಪುಟ್ಟಸ್ವಾಮಿ.—ಈ ಆರ್. ಎಂ. ಡಿ. ಸಿ. ಲಾಟರಿ ನಮ್ಮ ದೇಶಕ್ಕೆ ಬಂದಮೇಲೆ ಜನಗಳ ಮೇಲೆ ಏನು ಪರಿಣಾಮವನ್ನುಂಟುಮಾಡಿದೆಯೆಂಬುದು ಸರ್ಕಾರದವರ ಗಮನಕ್ಕೆ ಬಂದಿದೆಯೇ?

Sri K. HANUMANTHAIYA.—That is too vague a question for me to answer.

ಶ್ರೀ ಕೆ. ಪುಟ್ಟಸ್ವಾಮಿ.—ಆರ್. ಎಂ. ಡಿ. ಸಿ. ಲಾಟರಿ ಬಂದಮೇಲೆ ಅನೇಕ ಜನರ ಮನೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ಅನ್ನಕ್ಕೇ ಲಾಟರಿ ಹೊಡೆಯುತ್ತಿದೆಯೆಂಬುದು ಸರ್ಕಾರದವರ ಗಮನಕ್ಕೆ ಬಂದಿದೆಯೇ?

Sri K. HANUMANTHAIYA.—That is a matter of opinion.

ಶ್ರೀ ಜೆ. ಮಹಮ್ಮದ್ ಇಮಾಂ.—ಈ sourceನಿಂದ ಸಂಸ್ಥಾನಕ್ಕೆ ಆಗಿರುವ ಒಟ್ಟು ಆದಾಯ ಎಷ್ಟು?

Sri K. HANUMANTHAIYA.—The total is Rs. 4,33,525--8--0.

Sri J. MOHAMED IMAM.—Not merely from R. M. D. C., from other sources as well?

Sri K. HANUMANTHAIYA.—Yes.

ಶ್ರೀ ಜೆ. ಮಹಮ್ಮದ್ ಇಮಾಂ.—R. M. D. C. ಯಿಂದ ಎಷ್ಟು ಬರುತ್ತಿದೆ?

Sri K. HANUMANTHAIYA.—The major portion of it is from R. M. D. C.

Sri J. MOHAMED IMAM.—I take it that it is a good source of income to the State.

Sri K. HANUMANTHAIYA.—It is not only a good scource of income according to my friend, but also it is a source of suffering.

Sri J. MOHAMED IMAM.—What is the nature of loss that the public are undergoing? ಆರ್. ಎಂ. ಡಿ. ಸಿ. ಏನಾದರೂ ಫೀಜನ್ನು ಹಾಕುತ್ತಾರೆಯೇ?

Sri K. HANUMANTHAIYA—That question I cannot answer.

Sri J. MOHAMED IMAM.—Because, as I understand, they are not levying any fees. . . . .

Sri K. HANUMANTHAIYA.—As the Hon'ble Member is aware, I can only give information but not opinion.

ಶ್ರೀ ಎಸ್. ಗೋಪಾಲಗೌಡ.—ಈ ಲಾಟರಿ ಮುಂತಾದುವುಗಳ ಬಗ್ಗೆ apply ಆಗತಕ್ಕ ಆಕ್ಟು, ಇಲ್ಲಿ ನಡೆಯುತ್ತಿರುವ ಕುಸ್ತಿಗಳಿಗೂ ಅನ್ವಯವಾಗುತ್ತಿದೆಯೇ?

Sri K. HANUMANTHAIYA.—No. They pay only entertainment tax.

ಶ್ರೀ ಎಸ್. ಗೋಪಾಲಗೌಡ.—ಅವರಿಂದ ಇದು ವರೆಗೆ entertainment taxನ್ನು ವಸೂಲು ಮಾಡುತ್ತಿದ್ದೀರಾ?

Sri K. HANUMANTHAIYA.—Yes, we are doing.

ಶ್ರೀ ಎಸ್. ಗೋಪಾಲಗೌಡ.—ಇದುವರೆಗೆ ಎಷ್ಟು ವಸೂಲಾಗಿದೆ?

ಶ್ರೀ ಕೆ. ಹನುಮಂತಯ್ಯ.—ನೋಟೀಸ್.

ಶ್ರೀ ಎಸ್. ಗೋಪಾಲಗೌಡ.—ಈ ಆರ್. ಎಂ. ಡಿ. ಸಿ. ಚಾಮರ್‌ಬಾಗ್ ಪಾಲಾರವರು ಊಟಿಯಲ್ಲಿ ತಮ್ಮ ಅತಿಥಿಗಳಾಗಿದ್ದರೇ?

ಶ್ರೀ ಕೆ. ಹನುಮಂತಯ್ಯ.—ಇಲ್ಲ.

Revised Rates for Supply of Electric Power.

Q.—273. Sri K. V. BYRE GOWDA (Bangalore North).—

Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(*a*) whether they have revised the rates of minimum charges payable by the consumers of electricity having only two or three lights either for house-hold use or for irrigation pump sets ;

(*b*) what was the minimum fixed before, for the service of a single light ; two lights ; and three lights ;

(*c*) what is the minimum fixed now ;

(*d*) by how much is the percentage of profit increased by this revision ?

A.—Sri K. HANUMANTHAIYA (Chief Minister).—

(*a*) The rates in respect of flat-rate lighting installations have been changed and the irrigation pump power rates are not altered.

(*b*) The following are the rates for flat-rate lighting installation prior to the abolition of this system :—

1 lamp ... Eight annas per month
2 lamps ... One rupee per month
3 lamps ... One rupee and eight annas per month

(The maximum wattage of lamps allowed was 30 watts and a maximum of 3 lamps were allowed for each installation).

(*c*) A minimum of Rs. 1-11-0 per month for a load of up to 180 watts in the case of metered installations and Rs. 2-4-0 per month in the case of un-metered installations has been fixed.

(*d*) There is no increase in profit.

ಶ್ರೀ ಕೆ. ವಿ. ಬೈರೇಗೌಡ.—(*d*) ಪ್ರಶ್ನೆಗೆ ಉತ್ತರವಾಗಿ ಲಾಭದಲ್ಲಿ ಆಧಿಕ್ಯವುಂಟಾಗಿಲ್ಲವೆಂದು ಹೇಳಿದ್ದೀರಿ. ಅಂದರೆ ಇಲ್ಲಿ ಹೇಳಿರುವಂತೆ, 8 ಆಣೆ, ಒಂದು ರೂಪಾಯಿ ಇದ್ದುದನ್ನು ಬದಲಾಯಿಸಿದ್ದರಿಂದ ಮನೆಗಳವರಿಗೆ ತೊಂದರೆಯಾಗಲಿಲ್ಲವೇ?

ಶ್ರೀ ಕೆ. ಹನುಮಂತಯ್ಯ.—ತೊಂದರೆಯಾದರೆ ವಿಚಾರಿಸುತ್ತೇವೆ.

ಶ್ರೀ ಕೆ. ವಿ. ಬೈರೇಗೌಡ.—ಮೀಟರುಗಳನ್ನು ಹಾಕಿದ್ದರೆ ರೂ. 1-11-0 ಅಂತಲೂ, ಮೀಟರುಗಳಿಲ್ಲದಿದ್ದರೆ ರೂ. 2-4-0 ಅಂತಲೂ ಗೊತ್ತುಮಾಡಿದ್ದರಿಂದ ಲಾಭದ ಆಧಿಕ್ಯವಿಲ್ಲವೆಂದು ಹೇಳಿದಮೇಲೆ ಅದನ್ನು ಮಾಡಿದ್ದೇಕೆ?

ಶ್ರೀ ಕೆ. ಹನುಮಂತಯ್ಯ.—ಆ ರೀತಿಯಾಗಿ ಲಾಭ ಬರುತ್ತಿದ್ದರೆ ವಿಚಾರಿಸುತ್ತೇವೆ.

ಶ್ರೀ ಎ. ವಿ. ನರಸಿಂಹರೆಡ್ಡಿ.—ಫ್ಲಾಟ್‌ರೇಟನ್ನು ಗೊತ್ತುಮಾಡಿದ್ದೀರಲ್ಲ, ಅಲ್ಲಿ ಮೀಟರುಗಳನ್ನು ಹಾಕುವುದು ನೂಕ್ಕವಲ್ಲವೇ?

Sri K. HANUMANTHAIYA.—That also will be examined.

ಶ್ರೀ ಎ. ವಿ. ನರಸಿಂಹರೆಡ್ಡಿ.—ಫ್ಲಾಟ್‌ರೇಟನ್ನು ವ್ಯತ್ಯಾಸಮಾಡುವಾಗ ಯಾವ ಆಧಾರದ ಮೇಲೆ ಮಾಡಲ್ಪಟ್ಟಿತು?

Sri K. HANUMANTHAIYA.—The department has examined all aspects of the question and come to that conclusion Now I am not in a position to tell you the details.

Supply of Electricity to Horalawadi Village, Nanjangud Taluk.

Q.—279. Sri M. LINGANNA (Nanjangud).—

Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(*a*) whether estimates are prepared for electrifying Horalawadi village, Nanjangud Taluk ;